

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB  
BULLETIN

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The Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club is devoted to the study of all forms of natural history, and is comprised of both experts and beginners. We cover a wide variety of natural history topics, and we encourage conservation. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month except January at 7.45 pm in the CSIRO Conference Room, Stowell Ave, Battery Point. Outings are held the following weekend, with members meeting outside the Prince Theatre. The Club's address is GPO Box 68A, Hobart, Tas 7001.

PROGRAMME.

AUGUST 7. The subject tonight will be ferns, and the speaker will be Mr Garrett of Westlands Nurseries.

AUGUST 9. The outing today will be led by Mr Garrett and will be to the Hastings area. Please meet at 9.00 am (note early start) this morning.

SEPTEMBER 4. Mr Paddy Dalton, of the University Botany Dept., will speak on Mosses and Liverworts.

SEPTEMBER 6. Outing led by Mr Dalton, probably to Mount Wellington. Meet at 10 am outside the Prince Theatre.

OCTOBER 2. Dr Robert Taylor, of the University Zoology Dept., will speak on Bettongs.

OCTOBER 3-5. Weekend extended outing at Waddamana Field Studies Centre, with emphasis on mammal studies. Friday night to Sunday afternoon. Please let Don Hird know if you are going so that we can make arrangements. (Ph 344293).

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MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: Meetings will start at 7.45 promptly. Please make an effort to arrive on time.

NEW MEMBERS. Quite a lot this quarter; keep it up folks! We warmly welcome Ms Ann Mc Cuaig, Miss K Williams, Ms M Marsh, Mrs E Roberts, Mrs R Bonny, Miss J Weeks, Mrs J Martin, R&E Gall, Mr K Schurr, Ne M Nedland, Ms J Well, Mr N Green, Mr K Beaumont; we hope your time with us will be mutually profitable and enjoyable.

LIBRARY. New members are invited to peruse the Library and borrow books free. Library is housed at Stowell Ave and is open during office hours. Our Librarian, Ms Helen Davidson, advises me that Miss M Westbrook, one of our life members, has made a further donation of books. These include books on fungi, birds and the seashore. Thank you, Miss Westbrook.

ADULT EDUCATION COURSE. This is taking shape under Mr Don Hird's capable organisation. It will be on the natural history of Mt Wellington, including lectures and 3 field excursions. It will probably start in September. If you would like to help by giving a short talk or something similar, contact Don on 344293.

SGAP FLOWER SHOW. Our Club will be putting on a continuous slide show (mainly for publicity for the Club) and we will be needing good quality natural history slides on a variety of subjects, as well as volunteers to "man" our stand (mainly for the purpose of answering enquiries). Our organiser for this event is Mrs Marjorie Wall, and she may be contacted on 284165. Dates for the show are 18th to 19th October (Sat & Sun).

OUTINGS. 7 June, Truganini Reserve; 13 members plus 4 later; Leader, D Ratkowsky.

Plants in flower; Goodenia ovata (parrot food), Banksia Marginata, Epacris impressa, Correa reflexa. Non flowering plants included abundant Bedfordia salicinia, and the ferns Polystichum proliferum, (mother shield fern), Microsorium diversifolium (Kangaroo fern), and Asplenium flabellifolium (necklace fern). There were abundant fungi near Cartwright Creek, and many Crescent honeyeaters and New Holland honeyeaters. Members were disappointed to find some plant life struggling because of woodchips washed into the track. Members enjoyed lunch at the picturesque Signal Station.

5 July, Tasmanian Museum; 31 members; leaders Alison Green and Kathryn Medlock. Members viewed numerous specimens in 70% alcohol, incl. golden orb spider, N.T. funnel web and many marine creatures. Also moths and butterflies (a beautiful collection), large to microscopic shells; fish, reptiles and amphibia. Miss Medlock demonstrated the preparation of a bird skin. The mammal skins also were fascinating to members.